(b) if so, the mandate of independent regulator and the functional relationship between the regulator and the Ministry;

(c) whether such a step requires amendment to the existing Act or a new enactment by the Parliament; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) The mid-term appraisal by the Planning Commission for the 11th Five Year Plan is in progress and the recommendations would be known only when the appraisal is finalized. There is no proposal at present for setting up of an independent regulator for Railways.

Unauthorised railway employment forms

*430. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to cases of unauthorized railway employment forms being distributed in the State of West Bengal to dupe the unemployed youth;

(b) if so, the action taken so far; and

(c) if not, whether Railways would refer such cases to CBI for thorough investigation to bust the fake employment racket?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) As per recruitment procedure, vacancies in Group 'C' and Group 'D' are advertised in Employment News/ Rojgar Samachar published by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The advertisement contains complete details alongwith the proforma of the application form. Application forms can be copied on A-4 size paper or can be downloaded from concerned Railway websites by the candidates. Thus, application forms are available freely and without any cost to the candidates. Railways do not authorize any agency/individual to distribute forms anywhere in the country including West Bengal. It is for the law and order enforcement agencies in the State to take appropriate action, if any individual/ group of individuals/ organization is/are engaged in any such activity.

Salary/wages of non-faculty employees of AICTE

*431. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Committee headed by a former Chief Justice of India to examine the fee structure of technical institutes affiliated to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) if so, the details thereof;